

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for tracking a performance of suppliers, comprising:
 - 2 a) registering a plurality of suppliers;
 - 3 b) receiving data utilizing a network, the data relating to the supply of goods to a
4 plurality of distributors by the registered suppliers; and
 - 5 c) tracking a performance of the registered suppliers utilizing the data.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the data includes inventory levels associated with
2 the goods.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the performance is tracked by comparing the
2 inventory levels with a plurality of target inventory levels.
- 1 4. The method of claim 2, wherein the performance is tracked by comparing the
2 inventory levels with inventory levels associated with other suppliers.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the performance is displayed to the stores
2 utilizing a network-based interface.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the data is received from the stores.
- 1 7. A system for tracking a performance of suppliers, comprising:
 - 2 a) logic for registering a plurality of suppliers;
 - 3 b) logic for receiving data utilizing a network, the data relating to the supply of
4 goods to a plurality of distributors by the registered suppliers; and
 - 5 c) logic for tracking a performance of the registered suppliers utilizing the data.

1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the data includes inventory levels associated with
2 the goods.

1 9. The system of claim 8, wherein the performance is tracked by comparing the
2 inventory levels with a plurality of target inventory levels.

1 10. The system of claim 8, wherein the performance is tracked by comparing the
2 inventory levels with inventory levels associated with other suppliers.

1 11. The system of claim 7, wherein the performance is displayed to the stores
2 utilizing a network-based interface.

1 12. The system of claim 7, wherein the data is received from the stores.

1 13. A computer program product for tracking a performance of suppliers, comprising:

- 2 a) computer code for registering a plurality of suppliers;
- 3 b) computer code for receiving data utilizing a network, the data relating to the
- 4 supply of goods to a plurality of distributors by the registered suppliers; and
- 5 c) computer code for tracking a performance of the registered suppliers utilizing the
- 6 data.

1 14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the data includes inventory
2 levels associated with the goods.

1 15. The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the performance is tracked
2 by comparing the inventory levels with a plurality of target inventory levels.

1 16. The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the performance is tracked
2 by comparing the inventory levels with inventory levels associated with other
3 suppliers.

1 17. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the performance is displayed
2 to the stores utilizing a network-based interface.

1 18. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the data is received from the
2 stores.